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**TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT**

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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**ON THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT**

**FOR THE YEAR**

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*Report Presented by:*

**The Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Public Health Inspector**




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**TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE HEALTH OF THE AREA DURING 1966**

**PREFACE**

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

I present herewith the Annual Report on the Health of the Area during 1966 drawn up on the lines suggested in Ministry of Health Circular 1/67 dated January, 1967. Included in the Report is the Report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

During the year, after the death of Dr. E. D. Allen-Price on 5th February, 1966, Dr. Robert Walker, M.O.H. to Plympton Rural District and the South Hams, was your Medical Officer of Health with Dr. Mary Budding of Tavistock as his Deputy. Dr. Budding is also Medical Officer of Health to Okehampton Borough and Rural District. Dr. Walker resigned his appointment in October, 1966 when he emigrated to Canada and I was then appointed Acting Medical Officer of Health from the 1st November until the end of the year.

1966 was a memorable year inasmuch that it was the first year of the Amalgamation between the former Tavistock Rural and Tavistock Urban Councils. I am pleased to report that the Amalgamation has been extremely successful, the two Councils merged without dissention, and the enlarged Rural District Council worked with peace and harmony. All the statistics in this Report relate so far as possible to the Urban and Rural areas from January to April, 1966 and to the whole of the enlarged Rural Area for the rest of the year.

As far as the statistics reveal, 1966 was a successful year. Owing to the boundary changes no useful purpose is served giving comparison figures from previous years, but I hope to re-start that practice with the 1967 Report.

No action was necessary under the National Assistance Acts of 1948 and 1951 for the removal of persons in need of care and attention, and no burials took place under Section 50 of the 1948 Act.

I wish to thank all the members of the staff, and in particular Dr. Budding, for their help in compiling this Report, and also wish to express grateful thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and Council, for the very kind way they have welcomed me to their staff.

JOHN WILDMAN,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

OCTOBER, 1967.

## TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

### PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

The *Chairman* of the Committee was MR. H. MOORE with MR. H. W. SHERRELL as *Vice-Chairman*, together with all the other Members of the Council

### PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

#### *Medical Officers of Health*

E. D. ALLEN-PRICE, M.D., CH.B., D.P.H. (to 5th February, 1966)  
 R. B. WALKER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. (to 30th October, 1966)  
 JOHN WILDMAN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.(LOND.), *Acting M.O.H. from*  
*1st October, 1966*

#### *Deputy Medical Officer of Health*

MARY E. BUDDING, M.B., B.CH., B.SC., D.P.H. (Appointed 1st April, 1966)

#### *Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector*

L. J. SHEPHERD, C.R.S.I., CERT. OF MEAT AND FOODS, R.S.I., M.A.P.H.I.

#### *Deputy Surveyors and Public Health Inspectors*

W. E. LARGE, CERT. OF MEAT AND FOODS, R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
 H. C. WATKIN, CERT. OF MEAT AND FOODS, R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

#### *Additional Public Health Inspectors*

J. J. M. CLARK, CERT. OF MEAT AND FOODS, R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
 E. G. JOHN, CERT.P.H.I.E.B.

#### *Technical Assistant*

B. W. H. MARTIN, A.M.I.P.H.E.

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Public Health Department  
 Council Offices, Kilworthy Hill, Tavistock  
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 Public Health Department, Council Offices, Plympton, Plymouth, Devon  
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*Clerk to M.O.H.: MISS G. PROWSE, Telephone: 36644*

## SECTION 'A'

## VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS - 1966

Table 1

## Population

Estimated Mid-year Population of Tavistock Rural District	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22,510
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*(This is a revised estimate, brought about by boundary changes and amalgamation of the Urban and Rural Districts)*

## General Statistics

Area of Tavistock Rural District in Acres	....	....	153,207
Number of Parishes	....	....	26
Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books	....	....	7,300
Number of Houses per Acre	....	....	0.048
Number of Persons per Acre	....	....	0.147
Number of Persons per House	....	....	3.084
Dwellings owned by the Council	....	....	1,033
Rateable Value of District	....	....	£680,459
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	....	....	£2,672
Loan Debt	....	....	£1,693,344

Table 2

*(Figures for 1965 are shown in brackets)*

## Births

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population					....	16.37		
Area Comparability Factor for Births					....	1.22		
Number of Live Births:								
					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	
TOTAL	....	....	....	....	150	152	302	
Legitimate	....	....	....	....	139	144	283	
Illegitimate	....	....	....	....	11	8	19	
NUMBER OF STILL BIRTHS					....	1	3	4
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 Population					....	11.06		
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths					....	0.83		
Number of Deaths:								
					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	
ALL AGES – TOTAL	....	....	....	....	157	143	300	
Death of Infants under 1 year					1	1	2	
Number under 4 weeks of age					1	1	2	
Number under 1 week of age....					1	1	2	
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births					....	6.62		

## Comparison with Rates for England and Wales

Birth Rate	....	17.7 (18.1)
Death Rate	....	11.7 (11.5)
Infantile Mortality Rate	....	19.0 (19.0)
<i>(Infants under 1 year of age)</i>		



## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES – CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1966

Table 1

Disease	Total	Age Group in Years					
		Under 1	1–	5–	15–	25–	Over 65
Whooping Cough ....	23	1	6	16	0	0	0
Measles ....	96	2	39	54	1	0	0
Dysentery ....	4	0	1	1	1	1	0
Food Poisoning ....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

Table 2

Disease	Total	Incidence by Quarters			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Whooping Cough ....	23	1	0	20	2
Measles ....	96	2	1	23	70
Dysentery ....	4	4	0	0	0
Food Poisoning ....	1	1	0	0	0

## Tuberculosis

One death was recorded during the year. No new cases were admitted to the Register. Four cases were discharged as 'recovered'.

At the end of the year 122 cases remained on the Register, as follows:

Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
Male	Female	Male	Female
53	36	15	18

## Control of Tuberculosis – Mass X-Ray Unit

A mobile Mass X-Ray Unit continued to make fortnightly visits to Tavistock. A total of 611 persons was examined. No new cases of tuberculosis were detected but a number of abnormalities were discovered. A summary of details is given below:

## ANALYSIS OF SURVEY GROUPS EXAMINED

General Practitioner Referrals	....	....	....	....	65
Tuberculin Positive Reactors	....	....	....	....	8
Contacts of Tuberculin Positive Reactors	....	....	....	....	11
Firms	....	....	....	....	1
Students	....	....	....	....	12
General Hospital Staff	....	....	....	....	2
Schools Staff	....	....	....	....	21
General Public	....	....	....	....	491
TOTAL					611



## ANALYSIS OF ABNORMALITIES FOUND AT TAVISTOCK DURING 1966

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculosis, healed ....	3	2	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema ....	4	3	7
Non-significant Abnormalities ....	0	4	4
Acquired Cardio-vascular Disease ....	2	3	5
Bronchial Carcinoma ....	0	1	1
Abnormalities of the Diaphragm and Oesophagus ....	0	1	1
Bronchiectasis ....	0	1	1
Failed to attend ....	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b> ....	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>

In addition, 5 other cases were under observation, as follows:

Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis ....	2
Tuberculosis, healed ....	1
Pneumoconiosis, simple ....	1
No abnormality found....	1

## CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1966

	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Total</i>
ALL CAUSES	157	143	300
1 Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	0	1
2 Tuberculosis, other	0	0	0
3 Syphilitic disease	0	0	0
4 Diphtheria	0	0	0
5 Whooping Cough	0	0	0
6 Meningococcal infections	0	0	0
7 Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
8 Measles	0	0	0
9 Other infective and parasitic disease	0	0	0
10 Malignant neoplasms, stomach	3	1	4
11 Malignant neoplasms, lungs, bronchus	12	2	14
12 Malignant neoplasms, breast	1	8	9
13 Malignant neoplasms, uterus	—	2	2
14 Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	15	23	38
15 Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	0	0
16 Diabetes	1	2	3
17 Vascular lesions of nervous system	17	22	39
18 Coronary disease, angina	58	32	90
19 Hypertension with heart disease	0	1	1
20 Other heart disease	18	12	30
21 Other circulatory disease	5	9	14
22 Influenza	0	0	0
23 Pneumonia	7	13	20
24 Bronchitis	6	2	8
25 Other diseases of respiratory system	1	0	1
26 Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	2	2
27 Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	1	1
28 Nephritis and nephrosis	0	0	0
29 Hyperplasia of prostate	0	—	0
30 Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	0	0
31 Congenital malformations	0	0	0
32 Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	8	16
33 Motor vehicle accidents	3	1	4
34 All other accidents	1	2	3
35 Suicide	0	0	0
36 Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0

## SECTION 'B'

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT

#### Laboratory Service

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Plymouth, *Telephone*: Plymouth 63997.

#### County Council Health Services

The following are some of the County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, Health Department, County Hall, Exeter.

#### *Ambulance Service*

The Ambulance Service in the Tavistock Rural District is radio-controlled from headquarters at Plympton (*Telephone*: Plymouth 36414). It is operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council. Except in emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a medical practitioner.

#### *Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres*

There are nine District Nurses and Midwives and four Health Visitors.

There are four Welfare Centres:

D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (*Telephone*: Tavistock 2617)  
Methodist School Room, Horrabridge  
Ladies' Club, Princetown  
Tinhay Methodist Schoolroom, Lifton

#### *Vaccinations, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis Immunisation*

A Medical Officer at the Welfare Centres will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents.

First Friday in each month – Tavistock – morning and afternoon  
First Monday in each month – Horrabridge – afternoon  
Second Wednesday in each month – Lifton – afternoon  
Fourth Wednesday in each month – Princetown – afternoon

#### *Home and Domestic Help Service*

Applications should be made to the Local Organiser: Miss Venus, at D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (*Telephone*: Tavistock 2617).

A charge may be made for this service, in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale

#### *Mental Health*

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Social Workers in Mental Health, Mr. Shadwell and Mr. Fitzgerald, at Abbey House, Russell Street, Tavistock (*Telephone*: Tavistock 2253).

Help in respect of mentally sub-normal persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

#### *Chiropody Service*

A County Council Chiropodist operates a Foot Clinic at the D.C.C. Clinic, 73 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (*Telephone*: Tavistock 3533). Treatment is available for handicapped persons, the elderly and any expectant mother who might be in need of chiropody. Most cases are referred to the clinic by the family doctor, but there is provision for health visitors, district nurses and voluntary agencies to refer cases to the County Medical Officer.



*Occupational Therapy*

There are two Occupational Therapists at the D.C.C. Clinic, 73 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (*Telephone: Tavistock 3533*).

*Health Centres*

There are no Health Centres at present but it is hoped to build one at Yelverton in the near future.

*Hospital Services*

The Rural District is served by the Plymouth and District Hospital Management Committee and there are hospitals at Plymouth and Tavistock.

*General Practitioner Medical and Dental Services*

There are 13 General Medical Practitioners and 5 Dentists in the Tavistock area. The School Dental Clinic is at the D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock.

**Other Services**

There is a Rest Room for the Elderly in Duke Street, Tavistock, run by a Voluntary Committee.

There is one Welfare Home, Harewood House, Plymouth Road, Tavistock, run by the Devon County Council.

A Meals-on-Wheels Service, run by the W.R.V.S. operates in Tavistock and adjoining areas. The meals are cooked at Harewood House. Enquiries should be made to Tavistock 2754.

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions at Tavistock are arranged by the B.R.C.S., Red Cross House, West Street, Tavistock.

A Workshop for the Disabled functions three days a week at The Church Hall, West Street, Tavistock (*Telephone: Tavistock 2981*).

Cytology Clinic Sessions for the early detection of cancer in women are held each month at the D.C.C. Clinic, 70 Plymouth Road, Tavistock (*Telephone: Tavistock 2617*).



## SECTION 'C'

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### Water Supply

The District Engineer to the North Devon Water Board has submitted the following report on progress during the year:

'The Board's main works at Prewley have consistently coped with supply demands to both Brentor and Ivyhouse Cross Reservoir.

Many main extensions have been completed to improve supply and serve housing development. The main extension from Willestrew to Lifton via Kelly and Meadwell is now in use and has brought a piped water supply to many villages and improved supply to zones of poor pressure at Lifton Down.

Samples have been consistently good, and supply maintained throughout the year.

In the parish of Tavistock a good filtered water supply has been available throughout the year from the Kilworthy Works. The installation has continued to render admirable service.

Housing development is still continuing in spite of current restrictions and many water supply schemes are being undertaken to serve these sites.

Supply has been uninterrupted and satisfactory samples maintained.'

Some success has been achieved in persuading property owners to connect to newly laid Water Board mains but, generally speaking, as this automatically results in the payment of a water rate, many householders are non-co-operative and it will ultimately be necessary to take formal action.

During the year, 64 samples were taken from private water supplies and submitted for bacteriological examination. Of these, 44 received satisfactory reports. Where unsatisfactory reports were initially received the occupiers of the premises concerned were advised on precautionary and remedial measures which should be taken and this action was followed by further sampling.

#### DETAILS OF PROPERTIES SUPPLIED BY THE NORTH DEVON WATER BOARD IN THE TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1966

<i>Parish</i>	<i>No. of Domestic Properties</i>	<i>No. of Farms</i>	<i>No. of other Meter supplies (ex cattle- troughs)</i>	<i>Total Properties</i>	<i>Population supplied (estimated)</i>
BERE FERRERS .	709	34	46	789	2,367
BRENTOR . .	83	14	9	106	318
CORYTON . .	3	1	1	5	15
HORRABRIDGE (part) . .	169	4	—	173	519
LAMERTON . .	112	28	6	146	438
LEWDOWN . .	7	2	—	9	27
LEWTRENCHARD .	37	9	6	52	156
LIFTON . .	265	15	14	294	882
LYDFORD . .	110	13	2	125	375
MARYSTOWE . .	15	5	2	22	66
MARY TAVY . .	178	10	14	202	606
MILTON ABBOT .	78	14	1	93	279
PETER TAVY . .	64	5	1	70	210
SAMPFORD SPINEY	35	5	1	41	123
STOWFORD . .	31	12	2	45	135
SYDENHAM DAMEREL . .	18	7	3	28	84
TAVISTOCK*	—	—	—	—	—
TAVISTOCK HAMLETS	77	28	8	113	339
THRUSHELTON .	9	9	1	19	57
WHITCHURCH .	57	7	—	64	201
TOTAL .	2,057	222	117	2,396	7,197

\* No figures available

## **Sewerage and Sewage Disposal**

The new sewage disposal works for Bere Alston was completed and taken over by the Council in September, 1966.

It is hoped that the new sewage disposal works for Tavistock, Horrabridge and Sydenham Damerel will be functional during the coming year.

Plans are proceeding for proposed new sewage disposal works at Walkhampton, Lifton, Lewdown and for extending the sewer from the Harrowbeer Lane section of Yelverton to connect up to the Horrabridge sewerage system.

Repairs and renewals to the sewage disposal works at Stokehill have been carried out and it is anticipated that these will be completed during the coming year.

Extensive works were carried out in desludging the existing settlement tanks at Crowndale and these are now being cleansed regularly.

The disposal of dried sludge is becoming a problem, due to increasing quantity, lack of desire from landowners within short distance and also because of inclement weather which prohibits drying and cartage.

Normal maintenance has been carried out regularly by direct labour, however, with the coming into operation of the new works, further staff ultimately will be required to continue regular and efficient maintenance.

There have been several blockages in the main sewers in the District which were all cleared within a few hours of notification apart from one at Brentor which necessitated opening up quite a long length of ground and renewing part of the sewer.

During this year the main sewers at Horrabridge, Princetown and Walkhampton have been scoured with the winching equipment and it is hoped that this will help to prevent further blockages. However, unless the general public do not take more care with what they dispose of by means of the sewerage system (such as cloths, polythene articles, etc.) serious blockages will still occur unnecessarily.

## **Refuse Collection**

Direct labour staff continues to carry out the routine refuse collection and the service has been adequately maintained through-out the year.

It is felt that some thought will soon have to be given to the replacement of the refuse vehicle which is used for the collection of refuse at Tavistock which is now nearing the end of its useful life. The size of this vehicle would appear to be rather too small for the increased requirements and has to be supplemented by the use of an open lorry two days per week to complete the collection in Tavistock Parish. The practice of using an open lorry in this day and age is to be deprecated. When a new vehicle is purchased the Council would be advised to retain the existing one for emergencies.

The refuse tips at Princetown, Brentor and Peter Tavy are now virtually complete and with the purchase of the B 100 Loader the Council's policy is that refuse shall be brought back to the Crowndale tip as it has been during the latter part of the year following the closure of the Wheal Franco tip at Horrabridge.

The tip at Cotts was temporarily closed during the summer months in accordance with the Council's ruling.

The disposal of refuse presents an increasingly difficult and expensive problem, not only in the availability of suitable sites ever decreasing but also the general public are not prepared to tolerate short term nuisance with regard to refuse disposal even although ultimately the site is safer and aesthetically far more pleasing to the eye.



## Public Conveniences

During the year the Council adopted the policy of providing one new public convenience each year and it is hoped that the first of these in Lydford Village will be functional by the start of the summer holiday season.

Again this year the public conveniences in the District have been the target for vandals. Fortunately, however, since the removal of the coin locks in the conveniences outside Tavistock, vandalism appears to have waned slightly and it is hoped that the improvement continues.

As usual a small number of complaints were received regarding the conditions of the conveniences but even though the Council now administer the combined area these complaints would appear to be less than usual showing that maintenance work has been carried out efficiently.

## Swimming-pool

Weekly visits were made to check and maintain the treatment equipment and regular tests carried out to check pH and free chlorine.

This regular treatment and circulation have maintained the water in a satisfactory condition throughout the season.

## Public Health Inspection of the District

The following table shows the number of visits in connection with various routine work in addition to maintenance work shown under the various sections.

Slaughterhouses	....	....	....	....	....	....	613
Public Health Acts		....	....	....	....	....	249
Housing Acts	....	....	....	....	....	....	122
Improvement Grants		....	....	....	....	....	218
Drainage Works	....	....	....	....	....	....	138
Tests on New Drains	....	....	....	....	....	....	113
Buildings in course of construction			....	....	....	....	985
Capital work in course of construction				....	....	....	135
Council Houses	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,104
Food Premises	....	....	....	....	....	....	189
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal	....		....	....	....	....	598
Refuse Collection and Disposal			....	....	....	....	291
Rodent Control	....	....	....	....	....	....	626
Number of Plans submitted			....	....	....	....	545
Visits in connection with above			....	....	....	....	382
Public Conveniences		....	....	....	....	....	253
Water Supplies	....	....	....	....	....	....	451
Milk	....	....	....	....	....	....	65
Swimming-bath	....	....	....	....	....	....	59
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises			....	....	....	....	21
Petroleum Acts	....	....	....	....	....	....	17
Ice Cream	....	....	....	....	....	....	13
Animal Boarding Establishments			....	....	....	....	6
Miscellaneous	....	....	....	....	....	....	930

## SECTION 'D'

## HOUSING

Eleven dwellings were represented as unfit for human habitation under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1957; in 8 cases Demolition Orders were made, in 1 case a Closing Order was made and undertakings were given by the owners of the remaining 2.

The construction of 8 houses at Lifton; 9 houses at Bere Alston; 8 flats and 6 houses at Buctor Park, Tavistock and the 21 dwellings at the Warden's Scheme at Drake Gardens, Tavistock, were all completed during the year.

It would appear from the records that private enterprise building showed a considerable decrease over 1965, 91 dwellings being constructed compared with 124 in 1965. It is felt that this is probably due to the 'Freeze' imposed by the Government.

Two applications for Discretionary Grants were approved by the Council, the aggregate award being £453.

Applications for Standard Grants remained steady the aggregate paid totalling £3,549 towards the provision of 20 baths, 21 wash hand-basins, 21 hot-water supplies, 17 water closets, and 13 food stores.

The Council continued to implement the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923, and Section 43 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, as amended, 23 applications being approved, 7 of which were subsequently withdrawn.

## WAITING-LIST FOR COUNCIL HOUSE ACCOMMODATION

<i>Locality</i>	<i>Total on Waiting List</i>	<i>Agricul- tural</i>	<i>Non- Agricul- tural</i>	<i>Retirement Pensioners</i>	<i>No. with Separate Homes</i>
BERE ALSTON .	32	5	22	5	29
BERE FERRERS .	4	—	3	1	3
BRENTOR . .	3	—	3	—	2
CHILLATON . .	2	1	—	1	1
BUCKLAND					
MONACHORUM .	11	1	9	1	8
GRENOFEN . .	1	—	1	—	1
HORRABRIDGE .	31	—	28	3	27
LAMERTON . .	8	—	7	1	7
LEWDOWN AND					
STOWFORD .	1	1	—	—	1
LIFTON . . .	9	1	8	—	7
LYDFORD . .	1	—	—	1	1
MARY TAVY . .	7	—	7	—	5
MEAVY . . .	4	1	3	—	3
MILTON ABBOT .	9	4	5	—	8
PETER TAVY . .	1	—	1	—	1
PRINCETOWN .	3	—	3	—	2
SAMPFORD SPINEY	1	—	1	—	1
TAVISTOCK . .	122	—	105	17	90
WALKHAMPTON .	4	1	3	—	1
YELVERTON . .	13	—	10	3	11
MISCELLANEOUS .	2	—	2	—	2
TOTAL . . .	269	15	221	33	211



## COUNCIL HOUSES IN THE RURAL DISTRICT

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Number of Dwellings</i>	<i>Total Number in Parish</i>
BERE FERRERS . . .	BERE ALSTON . . .	131	
	BERE FERRERS . . .	10	141
BRADSTONE . . .	—	—	—
BRENTOR . . .	BRENTOR . . .	14	14
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM	YELVERTON . . .	8	
	BUCKLAND . . .	47	55
CORYTON . . .	—	—	—
DUNTERTON . . .	—	—	—
HORRABRIDGE . . .	HORRABRIDGE . . .	108	108
KELLY . . .	KELLY . . .	2	2
LAMERTON . . .	LAMERTON . . .	33	33
LEWTRENCHARD . . .	—	—	—
LIFTON . . .	LIFTON . . .	53	53
LYDFORD . . .	LYDFORD . . .	9	
	PRINCETOWN . . .	24	33
MARYSTOWE . . .	NEAR LEWDOWN . . .	4	4
MARY TAVY . . .	MARY TAVY . . .	34	34
MEAVY . . .	MEAVY . . .	12	12
MILTON ABBOT . . .	CHILLATON . . .	16	
	MILTON ABBOT . . .	8	24
PETER TAVY . . .	PETER TAVY . . .	14	14
SAMPFORD SPINEY . . .	SAMPFORD SPINEY . . .	8	8
SHEEPSTOR . . .	—	—	—
STOWFORD . . .	STOWFORD . . .	4	4
SYDENHAM DAMEREL . . .	—	—	—
TAVISTOCK . . .	TAVISTOCK . . .	444	444
TAVISTOCK HAMLETS . . .	—	—	—
THRUSHELTON . . .	LOBHILL . . .	2	2
WALKHAMPTON . . .	WALKHAMPTON . . .	40	40
WHITCHURCH . . .	GRENOFEN . . .	8	8
TOTAL . . .		—	1,033

## SECTION 'E'

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

During the year 189 inspections of food premises were made. In instances where contraventions were found the proprietors of the premises concerned were requested to take remedial measures and further visits made.

The principal food premises within the District are:

Canteens	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	28
Fishmongers	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4
Butchers	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	31
Dairies	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14
General Stores	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	110
Bakehouses	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7
Hotels and Guest Houses	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	57
Public Houses	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	44
Restaurants	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	36
Manufacturing Premises	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7

## Ice Cream

During the year 6 Ice Cream samples were taken, and the results were as follows:

Class 1 – 4 samples  
Class 3 – 1 sample  
Class 4 – 1 sample

The samples falling into Classes 3 and 4 were taken from Mobile Ice Cream Vendors.

Further visits were made to these vehicles when contraventions of the Hygiene Regulations were pointed out, and improved hygiene practices explained.

Further visits revealed satisfactory improvements in these respects.

## Milk

During the year 35 routine Milk samples were taken from retailers in the area and the results were as follows:

	<i>Number Taken</i>	<i>Methylene Blue Test</i>	<i>Phosphate Test</i>
Producer Retailers .	21	21 satisfactory	—
Retailers only . .	14	14 satisfactory	14 satisfactory

It may be seen that all these samples satisfied the requirements with regard to cleanliness and heat treatment. However, 8 of the above Producer/Retailer samples gave positive reactions to the *Brucella abortus* ring test. All these cases were investigated and arrangements were made for individual samples to be taken from each cow in the affected herds.

During these further investigations some of the original positive reactions were found to be 'false positives'. In the cases where *Brucella abortus* was confirmed, agreement was reached with the farmers concerned to discontinue the sale of untreated milk from the affected animals.

## Meat Inspection

There are 4 Licensed Slaughterhouses in the District and inspection of carcasses killed continues at 100%.

A total of 17,295 animals was inspected at the 4 slaughterhouses involving 613 visits to the slaughterhouses.

Full details of the animals killed and inspected and the carcasses, parts or organs condemned are shown in the table which follows:

### CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number killed (if known) .	1,737	183	123	6,441	8,811
Number inspected . .	1,737	183	123	6,441	8,811
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned .	7	10	22	66	29
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .	678	79	3	574	1,292
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease <i>other</i> than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci . . . .	39.4	48.6	20.3	13.4	14.9
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned .	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .	—	—	—	—	137
Percentage of the number of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	1.5
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .	43	6	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration .	6	2	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned . . . .	1	—	—	—	—



## SECTION 'F'

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1966. A total of 85 inspections was made in respect of 109 premises listed in the Factories Register.

## Part I of the Act

## 1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH (Including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

(i) *Factories without Mechanical Power* (Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6):

Number on Register	....	....	....	....	....	6
Inspections	....	....	....	....	....	8
Written Notices	....	....	....	....	....	0
Occupiers prosecuted	....	....	....	....	....	0

(ii) *Factories with Mechanical Power* (Section 7):

Number on Register	....	....	....	....	....	80
Inspections	....	....	....	....	....	50
Written Notices	....	....	....	....	....	1
Occupiers prosecuted	....	....	....	....	....	0

(iii) *Other Premises under the Act* (Section 7):

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworkers' Premises)

Number on Register	....	....	....	....	....	23
Inspections	....	....	....	....	....	27
Written Notices	....	....	....	....	....	0
Occupiers prosecuted	....	....	....	....	....	0



## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Nubers of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i>
	<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i>	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i>	
Want of cleanliness	3	3	—	—	—
Overcrowding .	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature .	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation .	4	4	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors . . .	2	2	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient .	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective .	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for the sexes .	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including Out-work) . . .	4	4	—	—	—
TOTAL . . .	14	14	—	—	—

3. OUT-WORK (Sections 133 and 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i> ....	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	<i>Number of Out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)</i>	<i>Number of cases of default in sending lists to Council</i>	<i>Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i>	<i>Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises</i>	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Prosecutions</i>
<i>Wearing Apparel (making, etc.) . . . . .</i>	3	—	—	—	—	—



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